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**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0403**

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The Honorable Ernest Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
United States Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Secretary Moniz:

I wrote to you last year to inquire about the Department of Energy's plans to consider partnering with Clean Line Energy on its Plains and Eastern transmission line project. The response provided by Assistant Secretary Patricia Hoffman informed me that you have not decided whether to exercise authority under Section 1222 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and provided a status update on the process.

While I appreciate knowing that the Department is affording every due diligence to the process and working on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, questions remain.

As you know, Clean Line's initial application to the Arkansas Public Service Commission for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was denied, and the entity with which you are considering partnering through the Section 1222 authority is not recognized as a public utility by the State of Arkansas, due to its "current business plan and present lack of plans to serve customers in Arkansas."

Considering this, if you use your authority under Section 1222, how do you plan to administer and develop the Clean Line project through the Southwest Power Administration, specifically regarding the use of eminent domain?

Thank you for your prompt response to my concern at this time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Steve Womack  
Member of Congress